

THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL

OT/NT: Old Testament

SECTION: Major Prophets (4 of 5)

TRADITIONAL AUTHOR: Ezekiel

KEY PEOPLE: Exiles in Babylon, Ezekiel, Ezekiel's wife, Israel's Leaders, Nebuchadnezzar.

SUMMARY: Canonically, the Book of Ezekiel is the twenty-sixth book of the [Holy Bible](#) (1), the twenty-sixth book of the [Old Testament](#) (2), and fourth of the five [Major Prophets](#) books (3). Tradition shares that Ezekiel authored the book while living in Babylonian exile.

The Book of Ezekiel can seem vague and confusing for some readers, but with careful observation it contains key details God wants us to know about. Many of the divine visions that Ezekiel shares are relevant to God's plans for reconstructing the present world and restoring His people to our former days in the Garden of Eden. Through Ezekiel, we learn that spiritual things are just as important as the physical, and even more important regarding the physical's temporary circumstances. We also get a glimpse of God's glory manifested with His presence when riding a heavenly chariot.

God's presence being revealed to Ezekiel in Babylon also demonstrates that [holiness](#) (4) has nothing to do with geographical location (example: a Church), but rather the condition of people's hearts. God is moved by the faithfulness of men like Ezekiel, who became His priest not because of status but because of his faith in God in a dark land, no matter the circumstances. His example is a model for believers everywhere.

The [New Testament](#) (5) book of prophecy, the [Revelation of Jesus Christ](#) (6), references [Ezekiel 38-39](#) in [Revelation 20:8](#).

COMING UP: Next up is the Book of Daniel (7). Click [HERE](#) to explore!

FOOTNOTES:

- (1) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/the-good-news>
- (2) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/old-testament>
- (3) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/ot-major-prophets>
- (4) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/holiness>
- (5) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/new-testament>
- (6) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/revelation>
- (7) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/daniel>

SOURCES:

- (a) The Bible Project <https://thebibleproject.com/explore/ezekiel/>

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